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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

USLO PEKING

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN- NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

1. DANIEL MOLGAT, DIRECTOR, EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS, EXTAFF,  
IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 16 WITH EMBOFF,  
PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON STATUS OF CANADIAN-  
NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS.

2. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA JOHN SMALL HAS BEEN  
ASKING HIS NORTH VIETNAMESE COLLEAGUES IN PEKING WHEN HE  
MAY EXPECT TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THEIR GOVERNMENT  
SINCE IN HIS VIEW THERE SEEMED TO BE NO REMAINING STUMBLING  
BLOCKS. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONSISTENTLY SIDESTEPED  
THE QUESTION UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE  
CHARGE IN PEKING OBLIQUELY COMMENDED TO AMBASSADOR SMALL  
THE ACTION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN ESTABLISHING A PRG  
DELEGATION IN PARIS. AMBASSADOR SMALL IMMEDIATELY ASKED IF  
THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE ESTABLISHING SOME PRECONDITIONS  
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TO HI PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS (WHCIH MOLGAT SAID HE

TOLD THEM CANADA WOULD FLATLY REFUSE). THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE DENIED THAT WAS THE CASE BUT INTERESTINGLY THE NEXT TIME AMBASSADOR SMALL ASKED ABOUT THE PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SMILED AND REFERRED TO "A FEW PROBLEMS" IN THE CANADIAN-NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONSHIP.

3. ACCORDING TO MOLGAT, THE BELGIANS AND THE DUTCH HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR "RESPONSES" FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE; THE BELGIANS FOLLOWED UP ON THE SUGGESTION BY ASKING THE FRENCH TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTION VIS-A-VIS THE PRG. THE FRENCH ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE BELGIANS THAT THEIR SITUATION WAS SUI GERIS. HOWEVER, MOLGAT HEARD THAT THE SWEDES WERE ABOUT TO PURSUE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SUGGESTION AND WOULD PERMIT THE STABLISHMENT OF A PRG DELEGATION IN STOCKHOLM (MOLGAT EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS A RUMOR).  
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